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FOR KARL ACKERMAN, ARA/LA; JOHN GRZYBEK, FBO, RALPH EARL,
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SUBJ: DEFECTIVE ROLLING GRILL (SHUTTER), CONSULAR SECTION SIDE,
AMERICAN EMBASSY GUATEMALA.

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1. I CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT ON SECURITY
OF THE DEFECTIVE GRILL PROTECTING THE CONSULAR ENTRANCE OF
THE CHANCERY BLDG. REFERENCED TELEGRAM (A) OF AUG 19,
1975, AGAIN BROUGHT TO THE DEPT'S ATTENTION THE
INOPERATIVE STATUS OF THE GRILL WHICH HAS BEEN NON-
FUNCTIONAL SINCE INSTALLATION WHICH WAS AT LEAST PRIOR TO
AUGUST 1974 WHEN THE CHANCERY BUILDING WAS FIRST OCCUPIED.
THE GRILL HAS NEVER OPERATED SINCE WE HAVE BEEN IN THE
DTDG. A MONTH AGO, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DISCUSSED
THIS PROBLEM WITH FBO AND WAS TOLD A REPLACEMENT
MOTOR AND/OR GEAR MECHANISM WAS ALREADY IN TRANSIT.
HOWEVER, THE REPLACEMENT PART HAS NEVER BEEN
RECEIVED.

2. AT LEAST FOURTEEN MONTHS HAVE PASSED AND THIS
PROBLEM REMAINS. I CONSIDER THIS DEFICIENCY TO BE
A VERY SERIOUS SECURITY HAZARD, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT
OF THE POTENTIAL FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND/OR RIOTS
DURING THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSION IN THE UNITED
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NATIONS OF THE BELIZE ISSUE AND THE AFTERMATH THEREOF.

THE CONSULAR SECTION AND ITS PERSONNEL ARE BEING
NEEDLESSLY EXPOSED TO VANDALISM OR MOB VIOLENCE.
I SEEK YOUR PERSONAL HELP IN CORRECTING THIS SITUATION
NOW AND WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. IF SHIPMENT OF REPLACE-
MENT MOTOR AND GEAR MECHANISM LOST OR DELAYED, PLEASE
SEND REPLACEMENTS BY AIR FREIGHT URGENTLY AND SOONEST.
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